

**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**  
**Examining Group Number 3700**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant:	Mark Shu et al.	Examiner:	Alvin J. Stewart
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Title:	SUTURE LOCKING ASSEMBLY AND METHOD OF USE		

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed August 4, 2009.

**The Claims** have not been amended with this Response and remain as reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks**, including arguments, begin on page 8 of this paper.